

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1       **Claim 1 (original):** A trimmer comprising a cutting head having a guard housing a cutter means,  
2       a shaft for supporting the cutting head, roller means rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting  
3       head, and drive means for driving the cutter means, the roller means being located outside the  
4       guard on the drive means side thereof, the cutting head being connected to the shaft by  
5       connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned with its cutter means either  
6       substantially horizontal or substantially vertical, the roller means being sized to contact the  
7       ground when the cutter means is substantially vertical and to circumscribe the axis of the drive  
8       means, the arrangement being such that the cutter means extends beyond the circumference of  
9       the roller means.

1       **Claim 2 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is  
2       constituted by a rotatable joint.

1       **Claim 3 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the rotatable joint is constituted  
2       by a ball-and-socket joint.

1       **Claim 4 (original):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ball is fixed to the cutting head  
2       by a neck portion, and the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket portion provided at  
3       one end of the shaft.

1       **Claim 5 (currently amended):** A trimmer as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to claim 4~~, wherein  
2       the roller means is a wheel.

**Claims 6-18 (cancelled).**

1     **Claim 19 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted on  
2     the connection means.

1     **Claim 20 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 19, wherein the wheel is detachably mounted  
2     on the neck portion.

1     **Claim 21 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 20, wherein the wheel is formed with a break  
2     in its circumferential region, portions of said region adjacent to the break being formed with  
3     complementary, detachably-engagable connections.

1     **Claim 22 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 21, wherein the wheel has first and second  
2     generally semi-circular wheel members, first ends of which are pivotally connected together, the  
3     second ends of the wheel members being formed with complementary, detachably-engagable  
4     connectors.

1     **Claim 23 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 21, wherein the inner circumferential region of  
2     the wall and the neck portion are formed with complementary, interengagable location means.

1     **Claim 24 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 23, wherein the wheel is formed with an  
2     inwardly-projecting flange on its inner circumferential region, the flange being engagable within  
3     a complementary recess formed in the neck portion.

1     **Claim 25 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 4, wherein the drive means comprises a motor

2 and a drive shaft, the drive shaft passing through the roller means.

1 **Claim 26 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 25, wherein the cutter means is rotatable, and

2 the drive engagement between the motor and the cutter means is a rotatable drive engagement.

1 **Claim 27 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 25, wherein the motor is an electric motor.

1 **Claim 28 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 27, wherein the motor is housed within the ball.

1 **Claim 29 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a rotatable cutter line constitutes the

2 cutter means.

1 **Claim 30 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the axis of rotation of the roller

2 means is substantially coincident with the axis of rotation of the cutter means.

1 **Claim 31 (new):** A trimmer as claimed in claim 30, wherein the radius of the roller means is of

2 the order of, but slightly less than, the effective radius of the cutter means.